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Dear George

I hope you will not be shocked at my writing to you if you are I cannot help it for the others are all so busy & it is above all things essential that you should have a full true & particular account of dear Annas wedding, so about the seventh of June was a perfect day neither too cold nor too warm Mrs Dawson had quantities of flowers & the breakfast was laid in the dining room & library the form of it was something like this

Bridal party	Guests	Dr Campbell
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pray excuse the

roughness of the design but my
artistic Education was neglected
There were wreaths of lilies, ^{roses,}
Siberian honey suckle & cherry
festooned over the folding doors
& an arrangement of mirrors
draped with lace curtains
decorated with ferns at the
dining room mantelpiece
added much to the general
effect. The table looked ~~rather~~
very well, no hideous erections
of barley sugar &c, but quantities
of lovely flowers & a whole
regiment of specimen glasses
down both sides of the table
filled with lilies of the valley.
All the flowers on the table at
which the bridal party sat.

were white & I never saw anything
prettier than the whole thing.
And now having arranged the
breakfast let me proceed to the
ceremony. The drawing room
was prepared for the occasion
the piano having been taken
into the sewing room. At a quarter
past twelve the guests being
assembled Mr. Baynes struck
up the Wedding March & Dr.
Harrington & his groomsmen
(Dr. Bell & Cecil Selwyn) came
in & took their places on the
right of the mirror & facing
Dr. McVicar, presently Anna
came in with Dr. Dawson &
her attendant satellites, Nina
& Eva, & took her place on the left
& the ceremony was performed.

Anna looked very well though
rather nervous, & said "I do"
twice instead of once. Old Mr^s
Carpenter standing by me, wept
silently but there was no outcry.
If you don't want to know
what the bride & bridesmaids wore
you can skip this part but
I think it my duty to tell you.
Anna wore a beautiful cream-
coloured silk which came from
Scotland & was trimmed with
lace & flowers. The lace, which
was very handsome was Mr^s
Baynes' present. On her head
she wore a wreath of orange-
blossom, jasmine, briar rose
& lily of the valley & over all
the usual long tulle veil. She
looked very handsome at the

breakfast when her nervousness
had worn off. The bridesmaids
wore white silk trimmed with
white muslin & light blue ribbon.
Mrs Dawson looked magnificent
in a mauve silk with white
lace overskirt & now I will not
bother you with any more ^{details}.
The toasts were numerous &
heartily responded to & you
were alluded to more than
once so much so that Dr Dawson
returned thanks for you in
the speech of the morning.
Mr Selwyn's was a neat little
speech but the others were
very mild. Now for the guests.
Dr & Miss Campbell, Mrs Medford
& Eleanor, Alice Taylor, Miss
Hunt, Arthur, Mr & Mrs Payne

O'Hara, Alfred & his wife Dr
& Mrs Cornish Dr & Mrs Murray
Mrs Darcy (Mr D could not come)
Dr & Mrs Carpenter, Mr & Mrs
Selwyn, Mr & Mrs Nelson
Mr & Miss Mac Donald, Mr
& Mrs J. H. R. Molson Dr & Mrs
Leach, Mr, Mrs & two Misses
Harrington, Mr Seymour & Miss
Lunn. Dr Harrington returned
thanks for himself & Anna in
a speech which was quite
collected enough for a bridegroom
but Dr Bell made a bad mess
of his for the bridesmaids.
Altogether all went merry as
a marriage bell, & at three
they drove down to the station
in Mrs Medpath's grandest
carriage & set off for Lake George.

A telegram arrived from them
about nine o'clock. It is a char-
acteristic that I must give it ~~you~~
Arrived all right, Anna says
not to eat too much cake.
~~to~~ In order to break the fall to
common life some people
came to tea in the evening,
& so was ended a most enjoy-
able day. I am going to stay ^{with}
Mrs Dawson until Anna comes
back & help her to arrange the
house. The presents are beauti-
& numerous but yours is the
most beautiful of all except
Mrs Mac Donald's. The house
is everything that could be
desired, & it is such a comfort
that she is not going away
from us. Dr & Mrs Dawson have

gained a son, not lost a daughter
Mrs Dawson says I am to
give you her dear love & say
that this is, she hopes, the last
day of the bustle & that then
she will have time to write
to you. She seems much re-
lieved now that it is all over
it has been a great anxiety
to her, of course. William came
home just in good time, arriving
on Tuesday afternoon, he is
looking very well & seems in
good spirits. He is not altered
in the least. Mankine has been
invaluable in fact - I have christened
him Mercury, he has been such
a messenger. And now I must bring
this long ^{epistle} ~~epistle~~ to a conclusion
Believe me
yr sincere friend
John Brown